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Govinda

Silence! (To *his*
attendants.) Ask
my General to come.
Raghupati, you
drive me to call soldiers to
defend
God's right. I feel the shame
of it;
for the force of arms only
reveals
man's weakness.

Raghupati

Sceptic, are you so certain
in your
mind that Brahmins have
lost the
ancient fire of their sacred
wrath ?
No, its flame will burst out
from my
heart to burn your throne
into ashes.
If it does not, then I shall
throw into
the fire the scriptures, and my
Brah-
min pride, and all the arrant
lies that
fill our temple shrines in the
guise of
the divine.

(Enter GENERAL NAYAN RAI and
CHANDPAL, who is the
second in
command of the army.)